

Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Point Reyes National Seashore

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Building 201, Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA 94123

RESOLUTION  
CLOSURE OF TWELVE ACRES AT FORT FUNSTON

WHEREAS, The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) is part of the National Park System and subject to its policies and regulations as well as to federal law, and

WHEREAS, the GGNRA has proposed to close 12 acres of Fort Funston to

- Reduce cliff and bluff failure
- Encourage the restoration of natural habitat
- Protect the lives and habitat of bank swallows, a species listed as "threatened" by the State of California Endangered Species Act
- Assure the safety of visitors, and pets, and,

WHEREAS, the naturally eroding cliffs of Fort Funston have lost many feet of land since the GGNRA was established, exacerbating loss of species habitat and creating safety issues, and

WHEREAS, this Commission has, during an extended comment period between January and October 2000, heard testimony from park users and other interested parties on four occasions and has received approximately 1,500 written comments, and

WHEREAS, this Commission, in part at the request of the Fort Funston dog walkers, has reviewed applicable National Park Service law including the GGNRA enabling legislation, the hearing record on that legislation, the House and Senate Committee Reports on that legislation, National Park Service regulations including Title 36, Chapter I, Part 2, Sec. 2.15 "Pets," the National Park Service Director's Order #55 of September 8, 2000 and the September 15, 2000 "Notice of New Policy Interpreting the National Park Service (NPS) Organic Act, the results of the 1973 election at which 66.8% of San Francisco voters approved the transfer of lands from the jurisdiction of the city to the GGNRA, the 1975 agreement between the City of San Francisco and the Federal Government for the transfer of the city lands to the National Park Service, the 1977 City Planning Commission "Staff Response to GGNRA [Management Plan] Alternatives," the General Management Plan for the GGNRA approved in 1980 after Bay Area-wide public hearings, the City of San Francisco's Western Shoreline Area Plan, the results of several court cases regarding NPS land and resource management, and the sustainability plan of the City of San Francisco, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the decision of the GGNRA superintendent to close twelve acres of Fort Funston to dogs is appropriate and necessary, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in preference to permanent closure, the Commission requests the superintendent consider removing the fences and having a trail through the area accessible to dogs on leash, and enforcing NPS leash regulations.

Adopted by unanimous vote of the Advisory Commission on November 28, 2000.

  
Richard Bartke, Chairman

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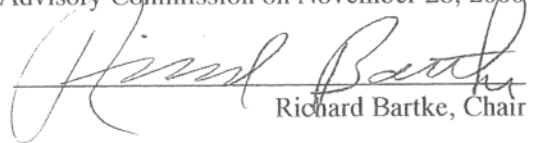
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**FORT FUNSTON RESOLUTION #2  
GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

RESOLVED, that the Advisory Commission requests that the National Park Service as early as practicable update the General Management Plan (GMP) for Fort Funston and in that process work with neighbors and user groups.

--Adopted by unanimous vote by the Advisory Commission on November 28, 2000

  
Richard Bartke, Chair